

INCLUSIVE EMERGENCY PLANNING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY



Office of Emergency Management

- OEM is responsible for organizing and directing preparedness efforts of the Emergency Management Organization of Los Angeles County
- OEM is the day-to-day Los Angeles County coordinator for the entire geographic area of the County

Responsibilities

Planning and Coordination
EOC/CP Operations
EM Training and Education
Community Preparedness
IEP Planning

The Los Angeles County Operational Area

- “The County”; 109,660 Employees in 36 Dept.’s
- 88 Independent Cities
- Unincorporated Areas – 1M people
- Population Greater Than 42 States
- Worlds 20th Largest Economy
- 140 Spoken languages
- 50 plus Law Enforcement Agencies
- 37 Fire Departments

Equal, Meaningful Access?



Whole Community: Everyone



- ❑ Children
- ❑ People with Disabilities
- ❑ Non-English speaking/reading
- ❑ No/low literacy
- ❑ Traditional minority/marginalized groups
- ❑ Immigrant status (documented and undocumented)
- ❑ Socio-economic consideration
- ❑ Non-traditional family structures

LA County Successes



- ❑ AFN Coordinator
- ❑ IEMAC
- ❑ Executive Steering Committee
- ❑ Emergency Shelter Operations
- ❑ Website Accessibility
- ❑ Stakeholder Networks

IEMAC: Roles

(Inclusive Emergency Management Advisory Council)

- Serve as subject matter experts
- Participate in small working groups during plan development
- Review all emergency related plans and provide input
- Review all community outreach material for content and structure

IEMAC Subcommittee: Children in Disasters

- Children in Disasters taskforce specifically focuses on the needs of children
- Collaboration between OEM and Children's Hospital of Los Angeles
- Includes strong community partners and children's advocates:
 - Child Care Resource Center
 - Child Care Alliance



LACO IEP Executive Steering Committee

- Collaborative effort focused on IEP planning



Website Accessibility Coordinator



Emergency Shelter Assessment



- Physical assessment of 70+ County Facilities
- Facilities tiered according to suitability
- Capitol Project Funding For Renovations
- Portable ADA Restroom and

Examples of Stakeholders

- Local ADA Coordinator
- Area Agency on Aging
- CERT
- Citizen Corps
- Community based organizations
- Dialysis Treatment Network
- Disability Advocates
- Education Department
- Elected Officials
- Emergency Management
- Faith-based organizations
- Health Department
- Home Based Care Industry
- Hospital Association
- Human Services Department
- Immigrant and Language Services
- Local Independent Living Centers/Councils
- Media
- Medical/Health Care organizations
- Mental Health Department
- Public Safety
- Transportation Department
- United Way
- Veterans Affairs
- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

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